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**PATENT APPLICATION**  
Serial No. 09/242,772  
Atty. Docket No. 3374-990278

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit 1655 :  
In re application of :  
**Willem J.M. VAN DE VEN et al.** : **PLAG GENE FAMILY AND**  
: **TUMORIGENESIS**  
Serial No. 09/242,772 :  
Filed June 25, 1999 :  
Examiner – Cynthia B. Wilder :

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
September 25, 2000

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants request a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. The outstanding Action was mailed on May 25, 2000 and the period set for response was three months, bringing the response to be due on August 25, 2000. Therefore, a one-month extension of time will bring the response due on September 25, 2000.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on September 25, 2000.

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Date

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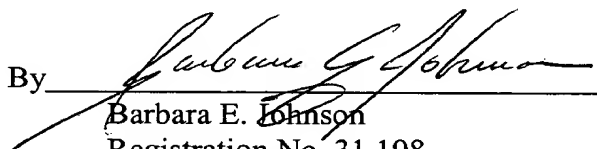
A check in the amount of ~~\$55.00~~ is enclosed to cover the extension fee. A response to the outstanding Action is filed concurrently herewith.

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. One (1) original and two (2) copies of this Petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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